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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims that the above-identified patent is entitled to small entity status.

Consonant with 37 C.F.R. 1.28(a), Applicant respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$490.00 for the excess maintenance fee paid June 29, 2010.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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